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Use of Ground Water

314. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared a Model Bill on ground water as reported in the Indian Express of 2nd May, 1989; if so, what are its salient features; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to reagulate unauthorised use of ground water and also to control the use of ground water for drilling purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) In 1970 the Government of India circulated a Model Groundwater (*Control & Regulation*) Bill to the State Governments for controlling indiscriminate withdrawal of groundwater and scientific regulation of the development of ground water resources. The salient features of the Bill are :

(1) Creation of a Ground Water Authority to administer the legislation.

(2) Empowering the State Government to regulate, in public interest the extraction or use of ground water in any form, in any area so notified, based on a report from the Ground Water Authority of the State.

(3) Requiring permission from the State Ground Water Authority for grant of permit for drilling a well in the notified area for any purpose other than exclusively for domestic use.

(4) Registration of the existing users in the notified area.

(5) Grant or refusal of permit by the Ground Water Authority based on certain criteria and after providing opportunity to the person concerned to express his views.

(6) Regulation of drilling activity in the notified area.

(7) Grant of licence for sinking wells and tubewells and for modification of permit or licence or cancellation thereof under certain circumstances.

(8) Provision for penalty and appeal.

(b) Irrigation being a State subject, the State Governments have been agian advised recently to adopt suitable leglislation to control and regulate the use of Ground water, as envisaged in the above Model Bill.

Registration of political parties

315. SHRI ANAND SHARMA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of political parties which have appllied for registration as per the requirement of amended Representation of the People Act till date ; and

(b) what is the last date for the registration of political parties in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ) : (a) The names of the political parties which have applied to the Election Commission for registration under section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, are contained in the statement attached. (*See* below).

(b) The existing political parties have to apply for registration on or before 14th August, 1989. Newly formed political parties have to apply within thirty days of their formation.

Statement

Names of parties that have applied for registration as political parties under section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 as on 17th July, 1989

1. Communist Party of India (Marxist)
2. Janata Party (Indu Bhai Patel Group)
3. Lok Dal (Shri Ram Naresh Kushwaha, President)
4. All India Anna Dravida Munetra Kazhagam
5. Goa Congress
6. Maharashtravadi Gomantak
7. Sikkim Sangram Parishad
8. Bharatiya Republican Paksha
9. Doordarshi Party
10. Bhartiya Rashtriya Jan Jagran Congress Party
11. Bhartiya Lok Tentrik Mazdoor Dal and All India Labour Party
12. Bahujan Samaj Parishad
13. Bharat Nirudyod Party
14. Gomant Lok Pokx
15. Lok Party
16. Orissa Khandayat Khetriya Krusak Gana Parishad
17. Hull Jharkhand Party
18. Jammu and Kashmir Awami National Conference
19. Kannada Desha Party
20. Karnataka Rajya Ryota Sangha
21. Tamizhagha Manvar Puratchi Kazhagam
22. The Labour and Job Seeker Party of India
23. Republican Party of India Presideum
24. United Bodo Nationalist Liberation Front
25. Jharkhand Party
26. All India Justice Party
27. Manipur People's Council
28. Congress for Capitalistic Orientation and other Nehru Policies
29. Socialist Labour League

Rape cases in Delhi

316. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been six reported cases of rape during the last three months in Delhi ; and

(b) whether any record of rapes all over the country are kept Statewise and if so, what are the details thereof for the last three year indicating how this situation is being tackled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) 48 cases of rape have been reported during the last three months.

(b) Yes, Sir. Details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below). Stern legal action is taken against the culprits as per law to have a deterrent effect.